THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Organization's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of functional expenses on pages 12 - 13 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards on page 14, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 25, 2017, on our consideration of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Katz Wooch Windisheim Gushman & Freedman, BA
Timonium, Maryland
January 25, 2017

THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

ASSETS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Grants and contracts receivable Other receivables Prepaid expenses	\$ 151,425 861,908 136,668 18,725	\$ 0 215,000 0 94,900
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,168,726</u>	309,900
FIXED ASSETS - NET	<u>3,787,046</u>	40,014
OTHER ASSETS Construction in progress Security deposits	136,668 185,000	0 185,000
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>321,668</u>	<u> 185,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>5,277,440</u>	\$ <u>534,914</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Line of credit Accrued expenses Deferred rent	\$ 87,323 1,432,427 219,348 54,121	\$ 0 956,966 0 0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,793,219	<u>956,966</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES Deferred rent TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,719,132 5,512,351	0 956,966
NET ASSETS Unrestricted	<u>(234,911)</u>	(422,052)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>(234,911)</u>	(422,052)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ <u>5,277,440</u>	\$ <u>534,914</u>

THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

		2016		2015
SUPPORT AND REVENUES Grants - federal awards Grants - other Contributed services Per-pupil allocation	\$	1,149,933 7,968 985,637 6,895,983	\$ _	215,000 0 0 0
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	_	9,039,521	_	215,000
EXPENSES Functional expenses: Educational program services Management and general	_	7,768,652 1,083,728	_	624,135 12,917
TOTAL EXPENSES	_	8,852,380	_	637,052
Change in Net Assets		187,141		(422,052)
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	_	(422,052)	_	0
Net Assets - End of the Year	\$ <u>_</u>	(234,911)	\$	(422,052)

THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net	\$	187,141	\$	(422,052)
cash provided by (used in) operating activities: Depreciation Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		341,044		67
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Grants and contracts receivable Other receivables Prepaid expenses Security deposits Accounts payable Accrued expenses Deferred rent		(646,908) (136,668) 76,175 0 87,323 219,348 123,253	_	(215,000) 0 (94,900) (185,000) 0 0
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	_	250,708	_	<u>(916,885</u>)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchases of fixed assets Payments towards construction in process	_	(438,076) (136,668)	_	0 0
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	_	(574,744)	_	0
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Net activity in line of credit	_	475,461	_	916,88 <u>5</u>
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	_	<u>475,461</u>	_	916,885
NET INCREASE IN CASH		151,425		0
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	_	0	_	0
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	\$	151,425	\$_	0
Supplemental Schedule of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities:				
Fixed assets acquired through use of line of credit	\$	0	\$	40,081
Landlord financed leasehold improvements and deferred rent		3,650,000		0

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of operations

During 2014, The Children's Guild, LTD was incorporated as a District of Columbia non-stock, not-for-profit corporation, and adopted the trade name of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus (Organization). The Organization was incorporated to operate a public charter school in the District of Columbia. The Organization's instructional program commenced in September 2015. There were limited start-up and operational activities in the years ending June 30, 2014 and 2015.

Effective July 1, 2015, the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DCPCSB) granted a charter allowing the Organization to operate a charter school in the District of Columbia. The charter defines the District's and the Organization's responsibilities in relation to the operation, management and administration of the school. The charter has a term of fifteen years unless renewed, revoked, or terminated. DCPCSB has the authority to revoke the charter for material violations of applicable laws or regulations set forth in the charter, or failure to meet certain goals and student academic achievement targets as defined in the charter. The Organization may request renewal of the charter at the end of the term.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Financial statement presentation

The Organization follows the Not-For-Profit Entities Presentation of Financial Statements Topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification which requires it to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. During the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, there were no temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.

Grants and contracts receivable

Government and private grants and contracts are recognized based on the terms of the specific grant or contract document. Federal grant awards are typically recorded as revenue when the Organization expends the funds related to the grant award as the Organization makes progress towards the grant purpose. Grant receivables are established for grant costs which have been incurred but not yet reimbursed. Grant revenue received in advance, which is not typical, for the grant period is recorded as deferred revenue or temporarily restricted support, depending on the nature of the transaction.

Grants and contracts receivable are recorded at the amounts the Organization expects to receive after year end.

NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

Per-pupil allocation

The Organization receives a student allocation from the District of Columbia, as well as federal entitlement funding. The student allocation is on a per-pupil basis and includes academic year funding, special education funding, and a facilities allowance. Student allocation revenue is recognized in the period when it is earned, which is the school year for which the allocation is made. Unearned student allocation, if received, is recorded as deferred revenue.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are recorded at cost if purchased and fair value if donated. It is the Organization's policy to capitalize expenditures for fixed assets in excess of \$1,000. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. The cost of fixed assets is depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

Deferred rent

The Organization's lease described in Note 6 contains leasehold incentives through which the landlord agreed to provide financing for certain of the Organization's leasehold improvements. In accordance with the provisions of the Leases Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, the Organization recorded a leasehold improvement asset and a corresponding deferred rent liability. The deferred lease incentive is being amortized as a reduction of rent expense over the lease term. Additionally, the lease contains rental escalations throughout the term of the lease, and the Organization is recording rental expense on the straight-line basis.

Income taxes

The Organization is exempt from federal and state taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is classified as other than a private foundation.

Accounting for contributions

The Organization follows the Not-For-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the Organization that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions.

NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

<u>Accounting for contributions</u> (continued)

The Organization records a contribution and a related functional expense for contributed services meeting the criteria as defined in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The services received must have required specialized skills and would be required to be procured if not contributed. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the value of contributed professional services related to the management agreement described in Note 4 meeting the requirements for recognition in the financial statements was \$985,637.

Use of estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from the estimates that were used.

Functional expenses

Expenses are charged directly to program, management and general or fundraising categories based on specific identification, when determinable. A reasonable allocation is made for costs not specifically identifiable. During the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 the Organization did not expend significant resources related to fundraising.

Subsequent events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through January 25, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2: FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of fixed assets at June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment Computer equipment Leasehold improvements	\$ 329,564 \$ 54,010 <u>3,744,583</u>	0 1,198 38,883
Total	4,128,157	40,081
Less: accumulated depreciation	(341,111)	(67)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS - NET	\$ <u>3,787,046</u> \$	40,014

NOTE 2: FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, amounted to \$341,044 and \$67, respectively.

NOTE 3: CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

The Organization is in the process of constructing physical environment improvements to the facility leased under the agreement described in Note 6. The cost of these improvements, up to a maximum of \$300,000, will be reimbursed by the landlord upon completion. Costs incurred through June 30, 2016 include construction costs, certain professional fees, as well as other related costs that meet the criteria for capitalization as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. A receivable has been recorded to reflect the expected reimbursement of costs incurred to date from the landlord upon completion of the project.

NOTE 4: LINE OF CREDIT AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Organization has entered into several agreements with an entity (The Children's Guild, Inc. (Guild)) that assisted in the Organization's initial formation and operates as an independent third-party management company. The Guild is based in central Maryland and has several major programs, including management of charter schools.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Guild extended a line of credit to the Organization to provide initial working capital. Advances under this credit facility bear interest at a fixed rate of 6% and interest payments are due monthly. The line of credit is due on demand. The maximum amount that may be advanced under this credit facility at any one time is \$2,000,000, as amended during the year ended June 30, 2016. The amount due to the Guild as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 relating to the line of credit was \$1,432,427 and \$956,966, respectively. For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, interest expense related to this facility was forgiven by the Guild.

Effective July 1, 2015, Organization entered into a management agreement with the Guild whereby the Guild will provide management and administrative services for the Organization. The annual management fee under the agreement is 12% of gross revenues, plus an amount to reimburse the Guild for certain costs paid by the Guild on the Organization's behalf. The annual management fee for the year ended June 30, 2016 was contributed by the Guild to the Organization, and is presented as a contribution in the accompanying financial statements. Management fee expense pertaining to the agreement totaled \$985,637 for the year ended June 30, 2016. This agreement has an initial term of 5 years, and includes provisions for renewal terms.

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Guild maintains a program of matching voluntary employee contributions to a Section 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity (TSA). Employees of the Organization are eligible to participate in the TSA. The TSA provides for discretionary employer contributions. The Organization did not make significant employer contributions during the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

NOTE 6: OPERATING LEASES

Effective July 1, 2015, the Organization entered into a lease agreement to occupy approximately 60,000 square feet of space to operate a charter school. The lease initially expires in 2030. The lease provides for three renewal periods of five years each and contains annual scheduled rent increases. During the first three years of the lease term, the payment terms are set relative to the facilities allowance received under the Organization's charter agreement.

Additionally, the Organization enters into leases for equipment as required for operations.

The minimum future rental payments required under non-cancelable operating leases having terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

2017 2018	\$ 1,133,575 1,133,575
2019 2020	1,161,324
2020	1,189,768 1,212,747
2022 and thereafter	12,348,133
Total	\$ <u>18,179,122</u>

Rent expense, which is recorded on a straight line basis and net of adjustments related to deferred rent for leasehold improvement incentives, for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$1,130,351 and \$0, respectively.

NOTE 7: PUPIL ALLOCATION

The components of per-pupil allocation revenue for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, are as follows:

		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	
General education Special education and enhancements Facilities allowance	\$	3,199,944 2,678,647 1,017,392	\$	0 0 0
Total	\$_	6,895,983	\$	0

NOTE 8: ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

As required by professional auditing standards, those charged with governance of the Organization received communications from the auditor during both the planning phase and at the conclusion of the audit describing the responsibilities of the auditors, the scope of the audit and the results of the audit conducted.



THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS SCHEDULES OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

		2016	
	Educational Program	Management & General	Total
Personnel, salary and benefits:			
Employee benefits	\$ 180,466	\$ 0	\$ 180,466
Payroll taxes	292,597	0	292,597
Salaries and wages	3,253,418	0	3,253,418
Staff recruiting and development	13,688	0	13,688
Total personnel, salary, and benefits	3,740,169	0	3,740,169
Direct student costs:			
Computer expenses	30,587	0	30,587
Contractors	800,870	0	800,870
Equipment rental	17,687	0	17,687
Student transportation and field trips	689,510	0	689,510
Food service fees	180,929	0	180,929
Supplies	234,960	0	234,960
Total direct student costs	1,954,543	0	1,954,543
Occupancy costs:			
Depreciation	341,044	0	341,044
Rent expense	1,130,351	0	1,130,351
Repairs and maintenance	25,490	Ö	25,490
Telephone	9,557	0	9,557
Utilities	<u> 170,047</u>	0	<u> 170,047</u>
Total occupancy costs	1,676,489	0	1,676,489
Office expenses			
Consultants	5,380	0	5,380
Dues and subscriptions	7,245	0	7,245
Office supplies	72,134	18,008	90,142
Postage and delivery	3,506	0	3,506
Printing and publications	620	0	620
Uniforms	2,130	0	2,130
Total office expenses	<u>91,015</u>	<u>18,008</u>	109,023
General expenses:			
Accounting fees	0	26,963	26,963
Insurance	0	9,185	9,185
Legal fees	105,767	0	105,767
Management fees	0	985,637	985,637
Meals and entertainment	1,695	0	1,695
Miscellaneous	6,297	0	6,297
Professional fees	106,712	43,935	150,647
Public relations and recruiting	84,878	0	84,878
Travel expenses	1,087	0	1,087
Total general expenses	<u>306,436</u>	<u>1,065,720</u>	<u>1,372,156</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>7,768,652</u>	\$ <u>1,083,728</u>	\$ 8,852,380

		2015	
	Educational Program	Management & General	Total
Personnel, salary and benefits: Employee benefits Payroll taxes Salaries and wages Staff recruiting and development Total personnel, salary, and benefits	\$ 0 45,145 205,253 38,794 289,192	\$ 0 0 0 0 0	\$ 0 45,145 205,253 38,794 289,192
Direct student costs: Computer expenses Contractors Equipment rental Student transportation and field trips Food service fees Supplies Total direct student costs	9,920 0 0 0 7,033 16,953	0 0 0 0 0 0	9,920 0 0 0 7,033 16,953
Occupancy costs: Depreciation Rent expense Repairs and maintenance Telephone Utilities Total occupancy costs	67 0 0 0 3,608 3,675	0 0 0 0 0 0	67 0 0 0 3,608 3,675
Consultants Dues and subscriptions Office supplies Postage and delivery Printing and publications Uniforms Total office expenses	0 70,580 10,678 1,654 0 0 82,912	0 0 2,670 0 0 0 2,670	0 70,580 13,348 1,654 0 0
General expenses: Accounting fees Insurance Legal fees Management fees Meals and entertainment Miscellaneous Professional fees Public relations and recruiting Travel expenses Total general expenses	0 0 0 249 0 39,802 191,352 0 231,403	0 1,997 0 0 0 0 8,250 0 0 10,247	0 1,997 0 0 249 0 48,052 191,352 0 241,650
TOTAL	\$ <u>624,135</u>	\$ <u>12,917</u>	\$ 637,052

THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Federal Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	_	Federal penditures
U.S Department of Education - pass through from the DC Offi State Superintendent of Education	ce of the		
Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965, As Amended, Title I, Part A (PL 107-110)	84.010	\$	210,571
Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965, As Amended, Title II, Part A (PL 101-110) PL 108-446 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B, Section 611	84.367 84.027		62,165 230,748
PL 108-446 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B, Section 619 Title V Part B, Charter School Program - P.L. 107-110, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended	84.173 84.282	_	4,720 474,871
Total U.S Department of Education - pass through from the Detate Superintendent of Education	C Office of	_	983,075
U.S. Department of Agriculture; pass through from the DC Offand Nutrition Service	fice of Food		
National School Lunch Program	10.555		166,858
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS		\$	1,149,933

THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2016. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors

The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Organization's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Katz Wosch Windisheim Gushman + Freedman, PA Timonium, Maryland January 25, 2017



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Directors
The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2016. The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2016.

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Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Timonium, Maryland January 25, 2017

THE CHILDREN'S GUILD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL D.C. CAMPUS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

- 1. The independent auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus.
- 2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the independent auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
- 4. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the independent auditors' report on compliance for each major program and on internal control over compliance required by the Uniform Guidance.
- 5. The independent auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
- 6. There are no audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- 7. The programs tested as major programs were:

Name
Office of the State Superintendent of Education Title V Part B, Charter School Program

CFDA Number
84.282

- 8. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. The Children's Guild Public Charter School D.C. Campus did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

C. FINDINGS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None